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ATTN BROTHER OSMAN YUMAKOGULLARI
DEAR BRO OSMAN,
I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION TO THE 5TH CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL VIEW ORGANISATIONS OF EUROPE.

UNFORTUNATELY, I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE DUE TO MY PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENTS. HOWEVER, I AM SENDING A MESSAGE FOR THE CONGRESS AS REQUESTED. PLEASE FIND THIS BELOW.
KIND REGARDS
SALEM AZZAM
SECRETARY GENERAL

MESSAGE FROM MR SALEM AZZAM TO THE 5TH CONGRESS:

QUOTE
MR CHAIRMAN, RESPECTED BROTHER PROFESSOR NECMETTIN ERBAKAN,
BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
ASSALAAM ALAIKUM WA RAHMATULLAH WA BARAKATUHU

FIRSTLY LET ME SAY HOW GREATLY I REGRET THAT I AM NOT ABLE TO BE AMONG YOU TODAY. THIS IS DUE TO MY VARIOUS ENGAGEMENTS WHICH WERE FINALISED BEFORE I RECEIVED THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR CONGRESS. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH I AM NOT WITH YOU IN PERSON, MY THOUGHTS AND GOOD WISHES ARE VERY MUCH WITH YOU.
THE TURKISH MIGRANT WORKERS WERE INVITED TO WEST GERMANY AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR TO HELP THE GERMAN NATION IN ITS GIGANTIC TASK OF REBUILDING ITS WAR-SHATTERED ECONOMY. ACUTELY SHORT OF MANPOWER, GERMANY WELCOMED THE TURKISH GUEST WORKERS WITH OPEN ARMS AND THEIR HARD WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ECONMIC RECOVERY OF THE COUNTRY WERE RECOGNISED AND APPRECIATED BY THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND THE GERMAN PEOPLE.
IT IS A MATTER OF CONCERN THAT RECENT YEARS HAVE SEEN A COOLING OFF OF THIS ATTITUDE. WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT, AS A PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE AND ARE MAKING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE REBUILDING OF WEST GERMANY, THE AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO PROTECT THE TURKISH MIGRANT COMMUNITY AGAINST EVERY KIND OF HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION. THIS POLICY WOULD BE WELCOMED BY MUSLIMS EVERYWHERE AND WOULD CONSOLIDATE GOOD RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND MUSLIM STATES.
ON ITS PART, THE TURKISH COMMUNITY SHOULD ORGANISE ITSELF ON SOUND LINES AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, FORGE UNITY IN ITS RANKS. IT SHOULD PROJECT A CORRECT IMAGE OF ISLAM AND MUSLIMS BY ITS CONDUCT IN EVERY SPHERE OF LIFE.I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT, WORKING TOGETHER IN A DISCIPLINED WAY, RESPECTING THE LOCAL LAWS AND CUSTOMS, BUT WITHOUT DILUTING THEIR ISLAMIC IDENTITY, THE TURKISH COMMUNITY WILL, INSHA'ALLAH, BE ABLE TO OVERCOME ALL THE DIFFICULTIES IT IS FACING.
IN CONCLUDING, I SHOULD LIKE TO SALUTE OUR RESPECTED BROTHER, PROFESSOR NECMETTIN ERBAKAN,, FOR HIS VALUABLE SERVICES TO ISLAM AND THE TURKISH PEOPLE. I ALSO WISH TO THANK THE CHAIRMAN AND THE ORGANISERS OF THIS CONGRESS FOR INVITING ME TO PARTICIPATE IN IT. I WISH THE CONGRESS EVERY SUCCESS AND ALL MY TURKISH BROTHERS AND SISTERS THE BLESSINGS OF ALLAH.
ASSALAAM ALAIKUM

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